has earned leave to his credit which is adequate to cover the period from the date of expiry of the sanctioned leave to the last date of that month, he may be permitted to extend earned leave to cover this period. For this purpose, Rule 112 of the Karnataka Civil Services Rules is hereby relaxed, wherever required.

4. The provisions of the Government Order dated 29th December 1973 are not applicable to the categories of cases referred to at (ii) (a) and (ii) (b) above.

5. In future, the applicants and the sanctioning authorities may ensure that leave preparatory to retirement ends on the after-noon of the last day of a month.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka,

M. SANKARANARAYANAN,

Joint Secretary to Government,
Finance Department.

HOME SECRETARIAT

Bifurcation of the Department of Information and Tourism and abolition of the Film Unit Department–Issues orders regarding.

PREAMBLE :—

The Department of Information and Tourism is presently looking after the activities and functions of the Information as well as Tourism Sections. As a step towards making the field departments of Government more effective and more result oriented, a careful examination has been made of the working and structure of the Department of Information and Tourism. The Department has, for many years, been treated as a relatively minor Department of Government. It deals with a variety of diverse activities including Press and public Relations, Government advertisements publications, production of documentary films, development of Tourism, Song and Drama. It is now being increasingly realised that an effective Department of Information is a most essential requisite for modern administration. At the last All India Conference of Ministers of Information which was attended by the Chief Minister and addressed by the Prime Minister, a review was made of the working of the Departments of Information at the Centre and in the States and it was the general feeling that the information activities of the Government would have to be considerably strengthened, expanded and professionalised.

(2) Similarly, 'Tourism' has gained increasing importance of late because of the urgent need for earning foreign exchange and encouraging foreigners to come to our country. In addition, it is very necessary to provide facilities for internal tourists in this vast country. The provision of facilities for accommodation, transport and other ancillary amenities to the tourists has assumed considerable importance. The Government of India, Department of Tourism is launching massive programme for tourist development on the basis of integrated complexes. A specialised Corporation has been set up at the Centre. There is very little doubt that the State of Mysore is one of the most attractive States from the point of view of tourism and yet, the present infrastructure for tourist development in the State is extremely poor and inadequate unlike the advanced tourist development in States like Jammu and Kashmir and Rajasthan.

(3) Besides, there is a separate department called the Film Unit Department. This department deals with the grant of awards and subsidies for films produced in Mysore State and also the grant of shooting permission for 'out-door' locations. At the present moment, it is the Department of Information which is charged with the reponsibilty of production of documentaries and news-reels. Government have also separately set up a Film Industry Development Corporation which the Government has invested 49 per cent of the share capital. This Corporation will be progressively developing the film industry in the State and will provide various Amenities such as a chain of theatres, film studios, technical and processing laboratories. In these circumstances, the existence of a separate Film Unit Department is considered not essential and it would be in the fitness of things to merge the Film Unit in the Department of Information and Publicity.

(4) If the various activities of Government in the field of Information, Publicity, Public Relations, Tourism are to be effectively executed, there is imperative need for the introduction of specialised techniques and a high degree of professionalisation. The present composite Department of Information and Tourism would not be able to discharge effectively all these responsibilities.

Government have, therefore, carefully examined the proposal regarding bifurcation of the Department of Information and Tourism into two separate Departments as under :

1. Department of Information and Publicity.

2. Department of Tourism.

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After considering all the aspects, Government are pleased to order that the present Department of Information and Tourism be bifurcated from a date to be fixed by Government, into two separate Departments *viz.*

1. Department of Information and Publicity; and

2. Department of Tourism.

2. The functions of the two Departments will be as follows:—

(a)Department of Information and Publicity.

This Department would deal with all matters concerning dissemination of 'Information' and public relations of Government and in particular, would cover the following activities :

(i) Press and News Division;

(ii) Publications Division,

(iii) Films Division;

(iv) Commercial Publicity including Government Advertisements,

(v) Publicity through media of Song & Drama; and

(vi) All the activities and functions now handled by the Film Unit Department which is hereby ordered to be abolished from the date the two new departments of Publicity and Information and Tourism come into existence.

(b)Department of Tourism.

This Department would be charged with the responsibility of tourist development in the State and particularly the following activities :

(i) Development of Tourism *infrastructure* including accommodation and transport;

(ii) Tourist publicity and promotion; and

(iii) Training of Tourist Guides and tourist hospitality.

(2) In the field of 'Tourism' Government have already established the Mysore State Tourism Development Corporation. At the present moment, the division of functions between the Department and the Corporation is not clear and there is a tendency for the activities to overlap it is directed that the Corporation should confine itself entirely to commercial activities such as running and maintenance of hotels, motels and restaurants, commercial transport activities and other schemes of a business nature. The Corporation may, however, take on an agency basis, from the Department of Tourism, activities such as preparation of tourist publications for which the former may progressively develop *expertise.*

(3) Government are also pleased to constitute an Official Committee with the Commissioner for Home Affairs and Secretary to Government, Home Department, as Chairman, (2) Commissioner for Finance and (3) Joint Secretary, General Administration Department as Members to decide upon the method of allocating the personnel of the existing departments of Information and Tourism and Film Unit Department to the new department *viz.*, (i) Department of Information and publicity, and (ii) Department of Tourism, on the basis of existing work load and also to divide the vehicles, equipment, furniture and other available facilities

of the two existing department to the two new departments. The Committee may associate the Joint Secretary, Law Department also when the allocation of staff is to be decided.

(4) Besides providing for promotion of suitable officers, provision may also be made for the posts of Director of Information and Publicity and Director of Tourism to be filled on contract basis by appointing persons with required professional competence. The Official Committee will also formulate necessary proposals in respect of posts in both the Departments which may be filled on contract basis and suggest suitable amendments to the Cadre and Recruitment Rules for the purpose.

(5) The bifurcation of the Department will be brought about without any extra cost during the current financial year except for the creation of the post of Director of Tourism, in the scale of Rs. 1000-50-1200-60-1500 and the expenditure on this account will be met out of the plan provision for the current financial year. Proposals for any additional staff. equipment, etc., may be furnished during the next financial year within the plan provisions.

(6) Both the Departments of information and Publicity and Tourism will continue to be housed in the existing premises till such time as alternative Government accommodation becomes available. The Film Unit Department Office will also continue in the existing building till it is housed in a common building.

(7) This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department *vide* their U. O. No. FD 2465/S/I/73, dated 8th October 1973.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

K. S. L. SASTRY,
Under Secretary to Government,
298 *Home Department.*

AGRICULTURE AND FOREST SECRETARIAT

Resignation of Shri G. Duggappa from the Directorship of the Mysore State Forest Corporation Ltd.

READ :—
(i) Government Order No. AFD 32 FAP 71, dated 26th June 1972.
(ii) Letter No. REGN/Coy/458/73, dated 27th July 1973 from the Mysore State Forest Corporation.

PREAMBLE :—
The Managing Director, Mysore State Forest Corporation in his letter cited at (2) above has requested orders of Government for the acceptance of the resignation of Sri G. Duggappa, M.L.A. from the Directorship of the said Corporation. He has also requested Government to appoint another Director in place of Sri G. Duggappa.

ORDER No. AFD 32 FAP 73, BANGALORE, DATED 11TH OCTOBER 1973.

In exercise of the powers conferred under Art. 24 of Articles of Association of the Mysore State Forest Corporation Ltd., the Government of Mysore is pleased to appoint Sri Zafar Saifullah, Director of Industries and Commerce as a Director of the Mysore State Forest Corporation Ltd., *vice* Sri G. Duggappa resigned from the Directorship of the said Corporation.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

S. SHYAM SUNDER,
Special Officer and Ex-Officio
Deputy Secretary to Government,
268 *Agriculture and Forest Department.*

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